| 1 | 2 |
|---|---|
| 2. | MEITEI/MEETEI (including MEITEI BRAHMIN, MEITEI/MEETEI SANAMAHI AND MEITEI RAJKUMAR) |
| 3. | MEITEI PANGAL |
| 4. | TELI (Who have been domiciled in Manipur for 10 years and their descendents. |

## Setting up of Fast Track Courts

*5. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of the Eleventh Finance Commission's recommendation, Government propose to set up fast track courts in view of the huge backlog of pending cases and the plight of millions of undertrials who languish in jails for want of delay in trials for no fault of theirs;

(b) whether Government have drawn out any scheme for opening of such courts, in consultation with the Judiciary, the apex court or otherwise; if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the progress, so far, made in setting up such courts, indicating the magnitude of backlog and the undertrails, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) In view of the huge

backlog of about 2 crore pending cases in the district and subordinate courts, the Government have decided to set up 1734 additional courts in the country on the basis of the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission. These courts are expected to serve as fast track courts for the expeditious disposal of long pending cases, priority being given to sessions cases and cases involving undertrails in jails, considering that about two lakhs undertrial prisoners were languishing in jails during 1998.

The State-wise break-up of the additional courts to be created is given in Statement-I (*See* below)

The State-wise amount allotted and released for these courts is given in Statement-II *(See* below)

These courts are set up by State Governments in consultation with the respective High Courts. The apex court is also being kept informed. According to information available from the State Governments, so far 459 courts have been set up. The details of the number of courts set up in each State are given in Statement-III (*See* below)

These courts will continue till March, 2005. Each court is expected to dispose of 14 sessions cases or 25 other criminal/civil cases per month. It is expected that these courts will dispose of about 2 million cases by the year 2005.

**Statement-I**

State-wise break-up of additional courts

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | No. of Courts |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 86 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 5 |
| 3. | Assam | 20 |
| 4. | Bihar | 183 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 31 |

**Statement-I**

*State-wise break-up of additional courts*

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | No. of Courts |
|---|---|---|
| 6. | Goa | 5 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 166 |
| 8. | Haryana | 36 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 9 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 12 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 89 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 93 |
| 13. | Kerala | 37 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 85 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 187 |
| 16. | Manipur | 3 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 3 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 3 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 3 |
| 20. | Orissa | 72 |
| 21. | Punjab | 29 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 83 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 3 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 49 |
| 25. | Tripura | 3 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 242 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 45 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 152 |
| | TOTAL: | 1734 |

**Statement-II**

*Funds recommended by EFC and grant released Under Judicial Administration upto 1.7.2001*

(Rupees in Crore)

| Sl. No. | State | Recommended by EFC | | Released |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2000-05 | 2000-01 | 2000-01 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 25.00 | 10.06 | 7.54 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 1.31 | 0.53 | 0.39 |
| 3. | Assam | 5.89 | 2.37 | 0.59 |
| 4. | Bihar | 52.96 | 21.30 | 5.33 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 8.79 | 3.54 | 2.65 |
| 6. | Goa | 1.39 | 0.56 | 0.14 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 48.22 | 19.39 | 4.85 |
| 8. | Haryana | 10.50 | 4.22 | 3.18 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 2.70 | 1.09 | 0.27 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 3.34 | 1.34 | 1.00 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 25.77 | 10.36 | 2.59 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 27.02 | 10.87 | 8.15 |
| 13. | Kerala | 10.87 | 4.37 | 3.27 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 24.71 | 9.94 | 7.45 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 54.08 | 21.75 | 16.31 |
| 16. | Manipur | 1.00 | 0.40 | 0.10 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 1.00 | 0.40 | 0.30 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 1.00 | 0.40 | 0.30 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 0.91 | 0.37 | 0.27 |
| 20. | Orissa | 20.74 | 8.34 | 2.09 |
| 21. | Punjab | 8.29 | 3.33 | 2.50 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 24.07 | 9.68 | 7.26 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 1.00 | 0.40 | 0.10 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 14.12 | 5.68 | 1.42 |
| 25. | Tripura | 0.82 | 0.33 | 0.25 |
| 26. | Uttaranchal | 13.04 | 5.24 | 3.93 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 70.22 | 28.24 | 21.18 |
| 28. | West Bengal: | 44.14 | 17.75 | 13.31 |
| | TOTAL A | 502.90 | 202.27 | 116.72 |

**Statement-III**

*Statewise position of Fast Track Courts set up as on 1st July, 2001*

| Sl. No. | States/U.Ts | Ear-marked | Set up |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 86 | 25 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 5 | 3 |
| 3. | Assam | 20 | 15 |
| 4. | Bihar | 183 | — |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 31 | 29 |
| 6. | Goa | 5 | — |
| 7. | Gujarat | 166 | — |
| 8. | Haryana | 36 | — |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 9 | — |
| 10. | Jammu and Kashmir | 12 | 10 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 89 | — |
| 12. | Karnataka | 93 | 13 |
| 13. | Kerala | 37 | — |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 85 | 85 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 187 | 93 |
| 16. | Manipur | 3 | — |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 3 | 3 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 3 | 3 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 3 | 3 |
| 20. | Orissa | 72 | 12 |
| 21. | Punjab | 29 | — |
| 22. | Rajashtan | 83 | 40 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 3 | — |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 49 | — |
| 25. | Tripura | 3 | 3 |
| 26. | Uttaranchal | 45 | 45 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 242 | 64 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 152 | 13 |
| | TOTAL: | 1734 | 459 |